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Fort Riley Elementary School celebrates Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday.

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Headquarters, 24th Infantry Division, claims post basketball crown.

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**Around The Army****Iraq:****Some miss chance to boost savings**

Stars and Stripes European Edition reported March 9 that some soldiers returned from serving in Iraq with fewer savings than they could have. The story points out that putting money into the Savings Deposit Program instead of bank savings accounts while deployed could have increased individual savings.

For more information about this story and other U.S. military news in Europe, visit [www.estripes.com](http://www.estripes.com) on the Internet.

**Fort Polk, La:****President meets Soldiers, families**

The White House reported March 9 that President Bush visited Soldiers and families at Fort Polk. He said the nation is grateful to its military and its military families for the sacrifices they are making in the fight against "the terrorist enemy."

For more about this story and other government news issued from the White House, visit [www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases](http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases) on the Internet.

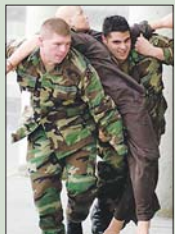
**Fort Leavenworth:****Colonel earns logistics distinction**

The Fort Leavenworth Lamp reported March 9 that one of the post's officers has earned the highest distinction bestowed by one of the premier magazines in the field of logistics.

**Joseph Walden**

Supply and Demand Chain Executive magazine named Colonel Joseph Walden, director of the Command and General Staff College's School for Command Preparation, as a 2004 Practitioner of the Year for his role as a pacesetter in supply chain innovation.

For more on this story and other Fort Leavenworth news, visit [www.fleavenworthlamp.com/articles](http://www.fleavenworthlamp.com/articles) on the Internet.



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Pfc. Jeremy Horton and Pfc. Mario Hernandez, of Company B, 705th Military Police Battalion, approach the finish line in the two-man carry Feb. 19. Company A competed in the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks Olympics in January. Company C will compete this month.

## Fort, FAA talk about air space

**Post officials see benefit in expanding air approach to maneuver area**

By Jeff Buczkowski  
Public Affairs Officer

Fort Riley wants more air space adjacent to the post designated as a military operations area.

A plan being discussed with

Federal Aviation Administration officials proposes that airspace north of the installation be designated as a military operations area so that close air support aircraft such as Air Force F-16s and A-10s could fly safer approach runs toward the post during joint training operations with ground forces.

If approved, the airspace would be designated as the Riley Military Operations Area.

A similar area, named Ada Military Operations Area, exists west of the installation over Clay County. The proposed area would

be adjacent to Ada and extend north of the post about 20 miles. The Riley MOA would have the same restrictions as Ada.

Fort Riley's proposal limits aircraft flying in the MOA to between 7,000 and 18,000 feet above mean sea level. Airspace

access is currently unrestricted for all flights at any level.

The proposal also restricts aircraft speed to below the speed of sound. These restrictions are designed to minimize the impact of jet noise on the surrounding

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## Signs of support

Post/Skidmore  
Volunteers hold signs with single Soldiers' names on them, insuring that someone was at the hangar to greet them as they returned from Iraq.



Post/Skidmore  
Judy Brengman, Salina, waves an American flag for her nephew, Spc. Kyle Farr, 24th Transportation Company.

## Post, community greet more returning Soldiers

By Gary Skidmore  
Command Info Officer

Judy Brengman brought a big American flag to hangar 817 for the 24th Transportation Company redeployment ceremony the afternoon of March 6.

She stood on top of the bleachers and waved it with all her might so her nephew, Spc. Kyle Farr, would see it.

Surrounding her were 18 members of Farr's family, most of whom live in nearby Salina, Abilene and Solomon.

Sgt. Patrick Gilmore was greeted by his 6-year-old daughter, Ali, who couldn't wait to present him with the handful of brightly colored flowers she had been carrying.

Some families left quickly, scurrying

out the hangar door, excited to pick up where their lives were put on hold a year before.

Others took their time leaving the hangar. Overwhelmed by the moment, they took time for family photos in front of the huge American flag draped on the back wall of the hangar.

As far as redeployment ceremonies go, it was not unique, except for the nearly 100 soldiers returning home and the hundreds of friends and family cheering for them. This was their moment. They were heroes in the eyes of everyone in the hangar. They had safely driven more than one million miles in Iraq, and when the mission was over, they brought everyone in the company home safely.

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## Iraqi fly bites cause lesions

**Walter Reed treating 500 serious cases**

By Karen Fleming-Michael  
Army News Service

FORT DETRICK, Md. — A little-known parasite that causes chronic, festering sores will be returning home with some of Operation Iraqi Freedom's warfighters.

Cutaneous leishmaniasis, which affects the skin, is caused by a sand fly bite that deposits the parasite that eventually causes weeping sores that don't heal as quickly as regular sores.

"The majority of these are lesions on the face or on the hands over joints. So in the short term, it's just not pleasant to have a lesion that won't heal potentially for up to a year — and some of these get quite large," said Lt. Col. Peter Weina, a "leish" expert at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.

"In the long term, the problem is the scarring, which can be disfiguring if it's on the face and can limit movement of the hands if it's over a joint," he said.

Iraq's sand flies are most active during warm nights from March to October, so troops on the move during Operation Iraqi Freedom were right in the middle of "Sand Fly Central."

"In the march up to Baghdad, people would literally fall asleep on their Humvee or out in the middle of the desert, so we had enormous amounts of exposure in the evenings in areas where there were a lot of sand flies," said Col. Alan Magill, another of Walter Reed Army Institute of Research's experts on leishmaniasis.

Leish experts suspected the

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## Army criminal investigators deploy to Iraq

By Gary Skidmore  
Command Info Officer

Just when Fort Riley has begun celebrating the return of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team to Fort Riley, the prairie post bid farewell to yet another unit.

About 30 members of the 78th Military Police Detachment Forward (CID), held a deployment ceremony March 6, at the Soldier and Family Support Center. The detachment is being deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In his remarks to the gathering of friends and family, Maj. Gen. Donald Ryder, provost marshal

general and commanding general, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command focused his comments on the families being left behind.

"Thanks for your encouragement and support of these heroes in the past, because that's why they're standing here today," Ryder said. "That's why they have been successful so far in their career, because of your unwavering support. I want to thank you for that."

"I'm going to say thanks in advance for your continued support," Ryder said. "Your support, your encouragement, your cards, your letters, those phone calls and

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Post/Skidmore  
Soldiers of the 78th Military Police Detachment are bid farewell during a ceremony at the Soldier and Family Support Center March 6.





## Post news in brief

### Hotline offers help when distressed

WASHINGTON -- The Army has sped up implementation of certain suicide prevention initiatives, including a toll-free phone number, to help curb suicides among Soldiers during these stressful times, an Army personnel official said in February.

Soldiers can now talk to a trained professional about any of their problems by dialing (800) 464-81077 if they are overseas, and (800) 464-8107 if they are stateside.

"Army One Source is a 24/7 crisis hotline that makes behavioral health professionals more accessible," said Lt. Col. Jerry Swanner, the Army suicide prevention program manager at the Pentagon.

"Soldiers can talk freely, and it won't go in their medical records," he said.

### Quarters retention briefings required

Effective April 1, all Soldiers requesting retention of government quarters must attend a retention briefing. The briefing will be given as part of the PCS brief that is held in the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264, at 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

### Tax center offers help filing returns

Soldiers, retirees and their families can get help filing income tax returns from workers at the Fort Riley Tax Center in building 7034 on Bullard Street behind 1st Brigade Headquarters on Custer Hill.

The center opens from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To schedule an appointment, call 239-1040.

Help preparing and filing tax returns electronically is offered free. Electronically filing returns allows the filer to have refunds deposited directly into his or her bank account in about 10 days.

To use the center, a person needs last year's tax return, this year's W-2 and 1099 forms and any other proof of income.

### Evening college classes offered

Fort Riley University plans to offer evening college courses through five on-post colleges. Class dates run from March 29 through May 22 and from April 12 through July 28.

A variety of degree programs are available and students may earn certificates of completion or associate, bachelor's or master's degrees.

Counselors in buildings 217, 7604 and 7656 are available from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays to help prospective students with course selection, enrollment and applications for financial aid.

Check for course offerings on the Internet at [www.riley.army.mil/Services/Education/StudentServices.asp](http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Education/StudentServices.asp).

### Voting information available in units

Soldiers needing information about voting in upcoming elections can ask unit voting assistance officers for help in registering to vote.

In the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Capt. David Newman is the UVAO and can be reached by calling 239-9765 or 239-5662.

In the 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Chief Warrant Officer Mather is the UVAO and can be reached by calling 239-4049 or 239-4499.

In the 937th Engineer Group, Sgt. 1st Class Williams is the UVAO and can be reached at 239-5286.

In the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and U.S. Army Garrison, Capt. Searcy is the UVAO and can be reached at 239-4360.



Post/Skidmore

Spec. Timothy Mannor is welcomed by son, Travis.

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"You have put on literally a million miles this past year under some of the toughest driving conditions we have anywhere in the world," said Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley.

"You all know from reading newspapers and watching the news on TV that the roads over there are some of the most dangerous in the world," he said.

Hardy told the audience the unit was the first transportation company that went through the breach when the attack was launched.

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e-mails are vital to this outfit's success," he said. "They will not be successful if they don't have that, and I know it's going to be there."

Ryder said that because CID is a small organization, if it is going to support installations, camps and stations throughout the world and fight the global war on terrorism, it has to task-organize.

"What you really have here ... are Soldiers from seven different installations and locations," Ryder said. "These Soldiers not only come from Fort Riley, but all the way from Korea, Fort Lewis, Fort Carson, Fort Hood, Fort Leavenworth and Fort Leonard Wood."

When Ryder turned his comments to the formation of Soldiers, he said they had a deep understanding of what it would take to accomplish the mission before them.

"Ladies and gentlemen, what you have standing in front of you today are Soldiers who possess a love of this nation and what this

He said the company traveled from Kuwait to Baghdad and on through Tikrit.

He noted that the company supported the coalition task force, Task Force 7 of the V Corps and five divisions, including the 3rd Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division, 1st Armored Division, 82nd Airborne Division and 101st Airborne Division as well as the 2nd and 3rd Cavalry Regiments.

"And you continued to do that for the past year," Hardy said.

And after that year, home is the Soldier, the hero, the son, daughter, husband, wife and friend who answered America's call to duty.

nation stands for," Ryder said.

"You have Soldiers who understand truly (what it meant) when they raised their right hands and took that oath, that very powerful oath, that contract they have with the nation.

"Troops, you are trained. You're ready ... to take on this mission. No matter what mission is thrown at you, you are prepared to go do it."

The 78th CID is responsible for investigating felony crime of Army interest. According to Sgt. James Leclear, a member of the detachment, their mission won't change, only their environment.

"We're going to do the same mission over there, only in a combat environment, which will make it a lot harder," he said.

Leclear said the hardest part about deploying is leaving his family behind. "That's the toughest part of all of it. Being gone for up to a year is tough on anyone, and it's just as tough on the families staying behind."

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## Sand flies

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disease was going to be a problem for troops, but until Weina arrived here to serve with the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, they didn't know just how big the problem was. Initially sent to look for weapons of mass destruction, Weina's team also looked for common diseases in the area, like leish, to see what risk they posed to warfighters.

By April 2003, fears were confirmed.

"We found sand flies in the area and started testing them and found some extraordinary infection rates in the flies," he said. "We expected to find maybe one-tenth of one percent of the sand flies to be infected with leishmaniasis, and we were finding two percent of the sand flies were infected in some locations."

Finding that many infected sand flies meant a huge increase in the potential number of cases, so Weina and his team went into full prevention mode.

"We went to units and talked to everyone from the commander on down to the private. They needed to know that the best thing to do with this disease was to prevent getting it in the first place," he said. "We did everything from

stand-up comic routines out in an opening in the middle of tents, all the way to full briefings in conference rooms."

Though travel was hazardous, Weina's message to the audiences he reached was simple: Wear DEET insect repellent so sand flies don't bite; use permethrin, a pesticide, on uniforms to keep sand flies away; and sleep under mosquito nets that have been treated with permethrin.

So far, more than 500 cases of leishmaniasis have been diagnosed. Magill said he hedges when he's asked how many total cases to expect.

"The simple answer is: I don't know. But if you extrapolate, you're probably looking at the 750 to 1,250 range. It could be higher."

Because the disease is difficult to diagnose without a lab and experts equipped to look for it, all leish smears are currently sent to the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research for confirmation.

Treatment typically consists of an outpatient regimen of receiving the drug intravenously daily for 20 days, though the type of leish acquired in Iraq, leishmaniasis major, responds in 10 days.

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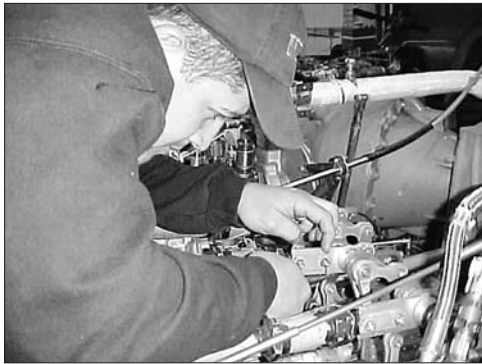
Designating air space as a military operations area creates a safer flying environment by separating military aircraft from commercial and general aviation aircraft. The Riley MOA would only be activated when military aircraft are flying in the area, post officials said.

Minimizing the risk of air accidents would also enhance the safety of the communities adjacent to Fort Riley, post officials said.

Post officials said that joint military training, involving two or more service branches, has become commonplace on many military installations and they hope implementing the Riley MOA will make joint training at Fort Riley more desirable for other branches of service.

The installation is conducting an environmental assessment to support its request. The assessment will be released for a 30-day public comment period.





82nd Med Co./Aaron Orr  
General Aircraft Mechanic Alejandro Calle works on the hydraulic deck atop a Blackhawk that was returned to Iraq for the 82nd Medical Co.



82nd Med Co./Aaron Orr  
General Aircraft Mechanic Matthew Wiles installs a new tire assembly on one of 82nd Medical Company's Blackhawks.

# Team of technicians refits helicopters

## 82nd Medical Company's air ambulances get complete overhaul before going to desert

By Aaron J. Orr  
82nd Medical Company

Forty-two men and one woman from a Dallas, Texas-based company have worked nearly 17,000 man-hours since September to fix put the helicopters owned by Fort Riley's 82nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance) into top shape for their second tour in Iraq.

The aircraft flew more than 1,000 hours and transported more than 1,500 patients during the initial combat phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom from February to May 2003.

Contract Supervisor Elbert Myers expects to be finished with all the helicopters in mid-April. Several are completed already and went with the 82nd Soldiers when they deployed to Iraq recently.

"[The aircraft] go through a lot of inspections and [they] will be

ready to handle more Iraqi sand. ... They're good helicopters. To me, it's a very safe aircraft and able to handle it," general mechanic Alejandro Calle said.

The work begins with a 100 percent technical inspection. The Army Materiel Command sends a four-page printout of the serial numbered parts on each airframe, according to its records. The aircraft flies 500 hours between major overhauls.

During the three or so days following the inspection, a team of two to five mechanics works 10 hours a day, every day but Sunday, to strip the aircraft almost to a bare airframe. Engines are removed, the main rotor hub and blades, the auxiliary power unit, even the pilots' seats and the fuel cells are removed and inspected. Employees of another contract company then overhaul the

engines, auxiliary power unit and main rotor hub assembly. All this work happens at Fort Riley, on Marshall Army Airfield.

Once the helicopter is stripped, the cleaning begins. Every wire bundle on the aircraft is cleaned.

"We've got hundreds of them," Myers said. The connectors are cleaned and all the radios and other "black box" items are removed and cleaned inside and out and repaired if necessary.

"The most amazing thing is finding sand in couplings," under screw heads and everywhere else, Calle said. The bird Calle is working on has been washed two times since contractors began working on it, and it still needs another cleaning.

"We found sand in places I would never imagine," he said. "I'm amazed at how well the aircraft handles it."

The longest portion of the maintenance is the reassembly because "everything's got to be torqued to specification," Myers said. From the time the first inspection begins to the time the bird is rolled out of the hangar for its test flight takes each team about 90 days, down from about 100 when they first began five months ago.

All defective parts are replaced during the reassembly. "We make sure it's good, no leaks, safety wire is in place and it's good to go. When we do it, we do everything by the book," Calle said.

While the intent is not the impossible feat of making each bird brand new, "They'll be in real good condition," Myers said.

The 82nd Med. Co. crews replace windows, tires, brakes, all tail rotor drive shaft bearings and lots of other parts. Mechanics also

perform Army-directed Maintenance Work Orders.

One of the MWOs being done is replacing the high maintenance, nickel cadmium aircraft battery with a larger liquid acid battery.

The old battery required inspection every 90 days and frequent maintenance. The new one will be "like cars have these days. You do nothing until it doesn't work," Bill Tartaglia, technical inspector, said.

Even parts that aren't replaced receive special treatment. Sheet metal technician and general mechanic Ron "Andy" Anderson said all the main rotor blades are being reworked.

Each blade is removed, cleaned and visually inspected. Using a special homemade brass hammer, Anderson gently taps each blade from one end to the other. "I tap test them to see if the honeycomb

[internal support structure] is starting to de-laminate," he said. He then weighs each blade on a specially made scale and changes internal balance weights if necessary.

This, Anderson said, "allows the aircraft crews to spend less time fooling around with [balancing blades on the aircraft] and more time doing their job."

Lastly, he touches up the paint.

Until very recently, all contract employees were working 12 hours a day, six days a week. Matthew Wiles, a general mechanic said, "I've never worked like this in my life. ... I pray for a two-day weekend. ... A person needs some kind of rest."

Calle said the job pays good money but it got old. My 6-year-old son, Matthew, asked me why I would go to work in the dark and come home in the dark."

# Partnership could mean good jobs

## 'Hire the Heroes' program looks for qualified Army mechanics

By Eliamar Castanon  
Army News Service

FORT BENNING, Ga. — To help decrease the shortage of qualified auto repair technicians, a leading automotive industry group is joining forces with the U.S. military to match qualified military veterans with jobs.

The "Hire the Heroes" initiative will give thousands of automobile dealers the opportunity to work with military outplacement personnel and to develop ways to ease a veteran's transition into service technician careers, said James Willingham, chairman of Automotive Retailing Today.

Willingham said the recent pool of veterans includes technologically savvy, motivated workers whose skills may be easily adaptable to auto repair positions and other auto dealership careers.

ART statistics show the auto industry will need 35,000 people annually for new high-paying auto technician jobs and tens of thousands more for sales, finance and other jobs in auto dealerships in this decade alone.

"The qualities demonstrated by military personnel are the same qualities every dealer looks for in its employees," said Denise Patton-Pace, of ART public relations.

"Our veterans are known for their accomplishments as warriors, but these Soldiers are also some of the most highly trained technicians in their field," said Chief Warrant Officer Kurt Schultz with the Army.

Ordnance and Mechanical Maintenance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. "The Army uses ASE certifications in our professional development models for mechanics."

The Army awards Soldiers pro-

motion points for ASE or other civilian certifications as well, Schultz said. Many of the dealers offer to train potential job seekers with the necessary ASE certifications, Willingham said.

Veterans may take ASE certification courses through the Veter-

ans Educational Assistance Program or with their Montgomery GI Bill, Willingham said.

For more information on "Hire the Heroes," Soldiers may visit the ART Web site at [www.autoretailing.org/military](http://www.autoretailing.org/military) or the NADA Web site at [www.nada.org](http://www.nada.org).

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## Post news in brief

### 'Reservist' banned from Army lexicon

Department of the Army employees and Soldiers are being officially advised they will abolish the word "reservist" from their lexicon. All official or unofficial communications will use "Army Reserve Soldier" instead as a mark of respect and distinction.

### Clinic begins cancer screenings

The Combined Surgical Clinic at Irwin Army Community Hospital began conducting monthly breast and colorectal cancer screening clinics in March.

Breast cancer screening clinic appointments require a referral from a primary care provider.

Colorectal cancer screening clinic does not require a referral for anyone 50 or older. Beneficiaries should contact the Combined Surgical Clinic at 239-7163 or TRICARE at 784-1200 for an appointment.

### Road closures, traffic delays

The following scheduled road closures and expected traffic delays are due to the installation of utilities and ongoing road repair.

Ongoing through March 15: Huebner Road just east of the access control point. Drive with caution and expect traffic diversions in the area of the new access control point construction.

Ongoing through April 1: Henry Drive traffic from the access control point to the frontage road. Drive with caution and expect traffic diversions in the area of the new access control point construction.

### Education division offers leadership training

Fort Riley's education division offers Leadership Skills Enhancement Courses to soldiers, family members and Department of the Army civilian employees for free.

The courses are worth college credit, can be applied to local degree programs and can be transferred to other degree programs.

LSEC classes normally meet during the duty day. The next classes are April 12 through May 21. To enroll, see an education counselor in building 217, 7604 or 7656. Appointments are not necessary.

### Army seeking new warrant officers

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen to fill its warrant officer ranks.

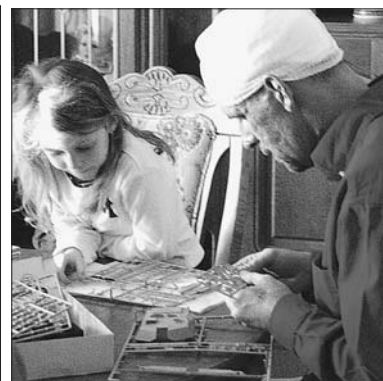
For more information and all forms and documents required to apply, visit [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant) on the Internet or call (502) 626-0484/0458/0488/0478/1271/1860.

# Winning the war



Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Mosner and wife, Rhonda, sit together during an interview.

Post/Haynes



Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Mosner and his daughter, Madison, work together on a model.

Post/Haynes

## NCO faces surgery without regret

### Explosion sends Fort Riley Soldier home with 'better' outlook on life

By Robyn Haynes  
K-State Intern

His fingers tapped methodically on his knee as Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Mosner recounted the day that changed his life forever. Seated comfortably at the end of an overstuffed couch, the 16-and-a-half-year Army veteran wore blue jeans and a brown barn coat. For a while, at least, he won't be wearing Army BDUs or dress greens.

A scar cuts through the left side of Mosner's mouth. It creates a line leading up to a mound of gauze completely covering his head. The senior noncommissioned officer left Fort Riley in February for a return trip to Walter Reed Army Medical Center and more surgery.

Mosner said he feels lucky to be alive after an improvised

explosive device ended his tour in Iraq.

The Soldier had been serving with the Company C, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, in Iraq just shy of four months when the device exploded the morning of Dec. 16. "It was the day after we caught Saddam Hussein," Mosner said. "My crew and I were backed up to the north side of a cinder-block house off Highway 10 overlooking the Euphrates River."

Mosner and his platoon members were relieving Soldiers who had spent the night at the outlook post. He walked up the ramp into the back of his Bradley and, within seconds, an IED planted in the wall of the house exploded, throwing Mosner and his driver from the Bradley.

"We were lucky," Mosner said. "There were two IEDs found in the wall, but only one of them

exploded."

Following the blast, Mosner's gunner saw him crawling on his hands and knees toward the house to check on the Soldiers inside. As a platoon sergeant, Mosner said he knew that checking on the well being of his men was his duty. He didn't realize the extent of his injuries.

"I never felt any pain," Mosner said. "I don't know if it was the shock or pure adrenaline that kept that pain from surfacing. The left side of my face was hanging, my ear was gone and parts of my scalp had been blown off."

Mosner was airlifted to Baghdad and taken into surgery immediately. He suffered two broken legs, a hole in his left bicep revealing bone, numerous deep facial and cranial cuts and shrapnel penetration in his chest, arms and the lower part of his legs.

After surgery in Baghdad, Mosner flew to Germany, where doctors put him into a drug-induced coma in order to get him safely to Walter Reed in Washington, D.C. Mosner emerged from his coma on Dec. 22, the day he arrived at Walter Reed, with no recollection of events since the morning of Dec. 16.

Mosner touched his ear and glanced down at a small cross tattooed on his left hand, remembering his reaction the day he looked in the mirror for the first time since the explosion. "I'm alive," Mosner said. "Someone was looking over me that day. I was a little frustrated, but when something like this happens, it changes your whole outlook on life for the better."

Mosner faces a series of plastic surgery procedures at Walter Reed. His doctors were amazed by his speedy recovery, Mosner said, but they anticipate reconstructive surgery will take six months to a year.

Despite his physical scars, Mosner expresses no anger or emotional distress.

In 16 years of service, Mosner has been deployed to Bosnia and Macedonia. Iraq was his first combat situation.

"I look at this experience like a football game. You practice, practice, practice, and now it's game time," Mosner said. "Sometimes you walk away with bruises, and other times you don't."

Mosner said he is not bothered by his appearance. Instead, he is constantly thinking of the Soldiers still overseas.

"I wouldn't hesitate to go back," Mosner said. "It is frustrating knowing that your guys are still there."

## AUSA can offer some help

Staff Report

"The Army does a great job taking care of its Soldiers and their families, but sometimes a Soldier has some expenses that the Army can't take care of," said Brian Wells, president of the Fort Riley chapter of the Association of the United States Army.

That's when the AUSA and other agencies set up to help, can step in, he said.

Late last year, the members of the local AUSA chapter learned that a former Soldier who had been medically retired faced serious financial hardships because of the injuries he received while serving in Iraq, Wells said.

While looking into that situation, the chapter's members realized other Soldiers wounded in Iraq and their families could face some financial hardships while the Soldier recovered from his or her wounds.

So, the chapter set up a Wounded Soldier Fund to help out, Wells said.

Since the fund was set up in mid-December, two Soldiers have received grants for a combined amount of \$1,000.

The grants come only after Soldiers have gone through Army Emergency Relief channels at Fort Riley and exhausted other possible sources for financial aid, Wells said.

The grants are given only when Soldiers are judged to be in real need, he said.

Some expenses a wounded Soldier or his or her family might encounter would be travel expenses for more family members than the Army would cover. Additionally, Wells said lodging not covered, child care costs or the cost to

put a pet in a kennel so the family can travel to wherever the Soldier is recovering are coverable expenses.

The chapter will grant aid only to active duty Soldiers or Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers who deployed from Fort Riley and were subsequently wounded.

"Our chapter can only handle the local Soldiers," Wells said. AER representatives refer Soldiers needing financial aid to the local AUSA chapter.

The chapter's board reviews applications for aid and either grant or disapprove the request.

Donations for the fund have been received from people in all walks of life in the Pottawatomie, Riley and Geary counties region, Wells said.

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# against battle scars

## Soldier decides lower leg must go

Amputee's attitude results in quick recovery, positive outlook for new future

By Gary Skidmore  
Command Info Officer

Pfc. Adam Zaremba's life changed with one step July 16, 2003. With a single footstep, he set off a land mine that robbed him of his right leg.

"I don't really know what happened for sure," said Zaremba, a field artilleryman assigned to Service Battery, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery.

"It was like every other day. I woke up, took a shower and loaded up on the five-ton truck that took us to the bank we were guarding."

It was a routine day that was to change dramatically and quickly. Zaremba and several Soldiers in his platoon were looking for explosives.

My staff sergeant led us around the building after receiving a tip that there were explosives in a back yard," said Zaremba. "But, we didn't find anything. On the way back to where we were standing guard, there was an explosion. They say I stepped on a land mine."

Zaremba remembers the event like it just happened.

"It was hot," he said. "All the metal was burning me. There was blood everywhere. But it seems like immediately, they were cutting my clothes off me to get to my injuries. They took everything but my boxers."

"It was weird," he added. "I was conscious. I remember calling for help. Everything happened so fast that it's almost a blur, but real."

Zaremba's injuries included a broken finger, shrapnel to both hands, his left arm, left leg and his buttocks.

Zaremba's most extensive injury was to his left leg.

"It was pretty messed up," he said. "It was a bag of problems all mixed up into one."

According to Zaremba, doctors at Irwin Army Community Hospital told him the best he could hope for was 20 to 25 percent use of his leg.

The limited use of his leg was totally unacceptable to Zaremba. "I'm 20 years old," he said. "I've got my whole life in front of me. I

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Greg Zaremba wipes a tear from his eye as his son lays in a hospital bed after having his leg removed.



Pfc. Adam Zaremba works out at the Physical Therapy Clinic.

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Civilian nurse Tyce Young checks on Pfc. Adam Zaremba following the amputation of his lower leg.



Capt. Zack Solomon assists Pfc. Adam Zaremba with his physical therapy.

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# Commentary

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Fort Riley Post

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## Safety talk

### Soldier learns safety lesson in a flash

By Michael Licholat  
Army News Service

KOREA — In the spirit of accident prevention, sometimes we have to step up to the plate and take one for the team. Here's my humbling story, shared with a bit of humor.

There I was, five minutes away from delivering a briefing for a complicated air assault mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

I had only one chance to make a good first impression in front of our coalition brethren, so I was determined to put my best foot forward.

I rehearsed the mission briefing twice and spent considerable effort ensuring the briefing area was set up to my exacting specifications.

I aligned all the benches, marked and posted all the charts and maps, and placed the manual pointer within arm's reach in case the laser pointer failed.

With my notes at hand and the backup butcher posters and imagery, I was confident I could ace this brief even if the Proxima projector failed.

The projector had been warming up for a few minutes when I noticed there was some dust on the lens.

Well, I wasn't going to stand for having a few specks casting shadows on my briefing! So, I went to the supply locker that our company S-4 dutifully kept

stocked with administration supplies and got a can of compressed air to shoo away the offending moths.

We'd bought cases of the stuff before we deployed to blow the dirt and dust out of the cooling fans and circuit boards of our mission planning computers.

We'd gone through our canned air like wildfire and were out of the "good stuff" we'd purchased back in the "Yoo Ess of Ay." However, our resourceful S-4 had replaced those with some canned air he'd bought in theater.

I think it was from Italy, or somewhere else in Europe. Not being multi-lingual, I wasn't able to read the label.

I wasn't going to be bothered by that. I took the little plastic tube that came with the can and stuck it into the spray nozzle. I was thinking pleasant thoughts about how clear my presentation was going to be as I pointed the tube at the projector's lens.

Those were my last pleasant thoughts.

I pushed down on the spray nozzle when suddenly there was a low-pitched boom. I was instantly engulfed in a ball of flame that one eyewitness conservatively estimated to be a good 6 feet in diameter.

All the hair on my right arm was burned off, and the hair on my face was singed. Stunned, I dropped the can.

The valve popped shut and the fire went out as quickly as it appeared.

After performing a quick assessment of my injuries, I left the briefing area for the tent where I slept, seeking a mirror so I could look for any additional damage.

As I made my way out of the briefing tent amidst the arriving briefing attendants, the prominent comment was, "What is that smell?"

At my tent, my worst fears were confirmed—my moustache was now much shorter (but in direct compliance with Army regulations, my eyelashes were almost gone, and my eyebrow hairs were all curled up).

Luckily, I'm what you'd call a "folically challenged" individual, so I didn't have anything on top to worry about.

A quick time hack revealed less than five minutes until briefing kick-off. I quickly washed up, used a pair of scissors to trim the burnt ends off my moustache and eyebrows, and then returned to the podium with a couple of minutes to spare.

Now I don't recommend this to anyone, but if you want to be calm when delivering a mission briefing, seek the feeling of euphoria that comes with no longer being a human torch.

Usually the mission briefing is the least hazardous element of the mission and the execution phase is fraught with peril. Sadly, I had just proved otherwise!

So, how can you avoid having this happen to you? Most, if not all, of the canned air sold in

America is non-flammable and has warning labels to keep you from misusing the product.

However, since we'd used up the "good stuff" we'd brought with us, the S-4—who is habitually browbeaten to keep the cupboards from becoming bare—replaced it with whatever was closest at hand.

You know, the "You want canned air? I'll get you canned air!" approach.

Unfortunately, the S-4 couldn't read the label either. That's something to bear in mind if you're buying commercial off-the-shelf items in countries that lack the consumer protection guidelines we have in America.

In the end, the fault lay squarely on my shoulders. I took an aerosol can of unknown origin and sprayed it onto a projector containing a very hot light bulb, which provided a source of ignition.

Furthermore, despite the fact that the can had a picture of a cat and a dog on it (I still don't know what that's all about), the back of the label had the word "Peligroso!" printed on it. I'm pretty sure that means danger.

In the end, I got lucky and avoided a serious burn by the hair of my chinny, chin ... uh oh ... those chin hairs are gone now.

In the spirit of brotherhood, my comrades later hung a sign over my desk extolling my new nickname: "Flash! Do you mind if I smoke?"

Grunt By Wayne Uhden





# Abkar referred for court-martial

By Joe Burlas  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The 101st Airborne Division Soldier accused of killing two officers and wounding 14 other Soldiers by rolling grenades into three sleeping tents in Kuwait in March 2003 will be tried by general court-martial.

Lt. Gen. John R. Vines, commander of XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, N.C., referred charges against Sgt. Hasan Abkar March 3 as a capital case.

Abkar is accused of two specifications of premeditated murder under Article 118 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and three specifications of attempted premeditated murder under Article 80.

The lapsed time between the March 22, 2003, "frag" incident and the referral of charges is due to two delays, officials said.

First, the 101st Airborne Division was decisively engaged in major Operation Iraqi Freedom hostilities immediately following the incident, and in stability and support operations afterward. Abkar was transferred to the division's higher headquarters, the XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, in July as 101st stability and support operations in Iraq continued.

The second delay was due to a request from Abkar's defense counsel for sufficient time to prepare for the case. A civilian attorney, at no cost to the government, and two military lawyers are currently representing Abkar, officially.

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Fort Knox, Ky., Regional Correctional Facility. The trial will be held at Fort Bragg.

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No date has been set for the general court-martial, though officials said they anticipate the trial to begin sometime this summer.

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## Amputee

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want the chance to play hockey again. All I want is a leg to walk on," he said.

On Dec. 17, doctors amputated Zaremba's leg.

Zaremba's father, Greg, waited nearby during the surgery, showing his support for his son's decision. He appeared very nervous. He'd sit still for a moment, then pace the tiny intensive care cubicle where his son would be after surgery, then lean against the window sill, then anxiously announce he was going downstairs for some coffee.

When the surgery was over and the medical staff rolled Zaremba back to his room, his father just looked down at the sleeping young Soldier with the tear-filled eyes of a father aching to comfort his child.

With the weathered hand, he touched his son's arm, stroking it with his knuckles.

"This is hard. That's my son lying there. I'm lucky he's alive. I'm so proud of him. He's always been such a happy kid, easy going, but this is hard," Greg said as he turned away and wiped a tear from his eye.

### Prosthesis attached

Zaremba returned to the room with a prosthesis already attached.

Maj. Robert Williamson, chief of orthopedic surgery at Irwin Army Community Hospital, said having a leg attached when Zaremba woke up would help ease the shock of having a limb removed.

"He went in with a leg. He came out with a leg," Williamson said.

Williamson said the Immediate Post-operative Prosthesis is more for psychological purposes than for function.

"Adam won't be able to get up and walk on the prosthesis right away, but when he looks down the bed, he won't be seeing an empty

place where his leg was," Williamson said.

Zaremba said having the leg removed meant the end of surgeries.

"This was the ninth or 10th surgery for me, and the second stay at the hospital. My first stay was for 72 days," Zaremba said, remembering the dates clearly. "July 22 to Oct. 1. At least this time I have a window."

### Positive attitude

Tyce Young, a civilian nurse in the ICU where Zaremba recovered after his surgery, said the young patient never adopted a bad attitude about his injuries.

"He's never had a woe-is-me attitude," Young said. "He's always looking to the future and never questioned why this injury happened to him."

"I don't have any regrets about being in the Army, going to Iraq or even having my leg amputated," Zaremba said. "Does it suck? Yes! Would I do it again? Probably not. But I enjoyed throwing MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) out to the Iraqi kids. A lot of them were hungry, and it felt good to do something for someone who needs it."

Young, who has never been in the military, struggles with seeing Soldiers come through his ward with multiple injuries. He said it can be depressing.

"Adam's done a lot for us in the hospital," Young said. "You see a lot of wounded Soldiers come through here, a lot of shrapnel wounds. Some of these guys have multiple wounds. We get attached to these guys, and we go through this with them."

Maintaining a positive attitude around the wounded isn't always easy.

"Adam has an uplifting attitude," Young said. "He keeps us going when we should be the ones that keep him going."

Young said the perfect example of Zaremba's uplifting spirit can be heard when someone calls his cell phone and gets the answering machine.

"The thing drives people crazy," Zaremba said with his face split with an ear-to-ear grin and his eyes twinkling. "It's me having a conversation with someone else, so the caller thinks I'm really there. Then, I say 'leave a message,' and I get them."

But, "I have my days," Zaremba said. "Sometimes I just call my mom and talk a while."

Zaremba began physical therapy almost immediately after the amputation. The day after his surgery, he was given strengthening exercises to master. Short trips to the therapy clinic became longer and longer exercise sessions under the watchful eye of Capt. Zack Solomon, chief of the physical therapy clinic and local authority on amputee rehabilitation. Solomon learned most of the techniques and exercises he gave to Zaremba while assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"I worked with amputees on a regular basis at Walter Reed," Solomon said. "But it's attitude more than anything that will help these patients heal."

### Ahead of schedule

Solomon said Zaremba's positive attitude about his amputation put him ahead of schedule with his therapy.

According to Solomon, Zaremba is between week 11 and 20 in his therapy. With the newer, more modern leg he's getting accustomed to, Solomon said Zaremba is about four weeks ahead of the training schedule.

"On the second day after receiving a new prosthesis, Zaremba was skipping down the hallway," Solomon said.

"Believe it or not," Zaremba

said, "that's hard work. I haven't gotten completely used to the new leg yet, so running up and down the hallway is tough. But don't get me wrong, I'll be running everywhere before long."

Zaremba no longer lives in the hospital. About three weeks after his surgery, he was discharged and now visits as an outpatient.

Living with another wounded Soldier in Junction City, Zaremba faces challenges every time he goes home for the evening.

A lot of stairs lead into his apartment, and when it snowed earlier this month, it created a whole new set of mobility problems.

"I'm used to this," said Zaremba, adopting his usual accepting attitude. "It's not that big of a deal."

Zaremba said he doesn't plan to get a handicapped parking pass.

"That's for people with handicaps," Zaremba said. "I can walk, skip and I'll be running before long. This isn't a handicap."

Zaremba said he's ready to get out of the Army, start college and a new life.

"I know there will always be crutches or a cane in my life," he said. "I'm okay with that. But now, I'm looking forward to getting up in the morning, wearing shorts if I want to and going to class at some college."

"This part of my life is over," he said. "Now, I want to get out of the Army and get started with the rest of my life."

Zaremba said he plans to start college near his hometown of Chicago this fall. He said there are several areas of study he's looking into, including being a physical education teacher at a high school.

"I want to learn to ride motorcycles with the prosthesis, play a game or two of hockey and get on with the future," Zaremba said.



Post/Skidmore

Pfc. Adam Zaremba learns to balance himself while wearing a prosthesis. Zaremba was at physical therapy the day after having his lower leg removed. His goal is to be registered in college at the end of summer.







# Fort Riley Community Life

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America's Warfighting Center

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## Community news briefly

### Arts, crafts center offers classes

The Fort Riley Arts and Crafts Center, across the parking lot from the Main Post Exchange, has scheduled the following classes:

March 13-14 -- Black and white photography orientation, 2-4 p.m.

March 14 -- Scrapbooking get-together, 1-4:30 p.m.

March 15 -- Wood safety, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; advanced matting and framing, 6:30 p.m.; and crocheting, knitting, cross-stitching, 7 p.m.

March 16 -- Mold pouring orientation, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Family programs plan Easter hunt

The Exceptional Family Member Program and the New Parent Support Program will host an Easter egg hunt from 10 a.m. to noon April 3, at the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264 on Custer Hill.

Families intending to participate should RSVP by March 24. Call 239-9435 and ask for EFMP or NPSP.

### Thrift Shop plans special sales day

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop, building 267 on Stuart Avenue, has scheduled a special sale from noon to 3 p.m. March 14. No consignments will be accepted.

The Thrift Shop normally opens from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month.

Consignment items are accepted Tuesdays.

### Classes to cover Army life, benefits

Free training about pertinent military matters and benefits will be offered for family members from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 19 at the Armed Services YMCA, 111 E. 16th St. in Junction City.

Free childcare and transportation is available for those who register in advance.

Topics to be covered March 19 include management skills relating to crisis and grieving, adapting to change and stress management.

To register, call 239-9435.

### Schools seeking notice of absences

Geary County Unified School District No. 475 requests that families with school-age children notify the teacher and principal as soon as possible of plans for an extended absence to accompany a military sponsor on deployment-related block leave.

A two-week notice will allow teachers time to advise parents on how to proceed so that their children can successfully complete school requirements for the current school year.

### Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

## Group thanks spouses for support

By Christopher Selmek

19th PAD

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 937th Engineer Group, which returned from Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Feb. 21, commended members of their Family Readiness Group March 1 at Rally Point.

The award ceremony, which was scheduled to occur just before

members of the unit signed out on block leave, also recognized members of the Junction City police force and fire department for sponsoring the group and sending it gifts while the Soldiers were overseas.

"It's ironic that we're being honored just for sending a package to you over there," said Fire Chief Mike Ryan. "You Soldiers are the ones over there putting

yourself at risk, preserving our way of life. You're the real heroes."

Capt. Robin Farmer, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 937th Eng. Grp., offered a personal thanks to the family members before they were given their awards. "Everything you have done for your Soldiers has reflected on the entire team. Thank you for all that you

have done."

Col. William Perkins, 937th Eng. Grp. commander, passed out awards and shook hands with every family member receiving an award.

"We always try to recognize people and groups of people who make life better for the Soldiers over there," Perkins said. "I cannot tell you enough, how much I love each and every one of these

Soldiers. We are extremely fortunate not to have had a single serious injury, and the main reason for that are the Soldiers in this room. They sacrificed every day to make sure that they were doing the right thing. It means that they were clear-headed, and they couldn't have done it without [their family's] help.

"You are the true unsung

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## Happy 100th birthday

### 'Cat in the Hat' visits post elementary school

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

"The Cat in the Hat" came to play at Fort Riley Elementary School March 2, and helped the students there celebrate the 100th birthday of the late Dr. Seuss.

Sally, played by Amanda Nelson, and her brother, played by Ian Ingram, sat on the stage of the school's cafeteria just as the characters in Dr. Seuss' book sat in their house on a dreary day, expecting to be bored all day.

A loud knock introduced a surprise guest: a tall, thin black cat wearing a tall, red and white striped hat. The cat, played by Caroline Ingram, promised to show the two youngsters "lots of good fun that is funny."

A booming voice, apparently coming from the small fish on the table at the front of the stage, warned the children that the cat "should not be about. He should not be here when your mother is out."

The cat paid no attention to the fish, played by Becky Winter-Schaller, who was sitting beneath the table, hidden from the audience's view. He proceeded to make a mess of the house and even brought two friends in to play - Thing One, played by Betsy Young, and Thing Two, played by Jen-A Earley.

Not knowing what else to do, Sally and her brother shook hands with Thing

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Post/Heronemus  
Amanda Nelson, Caroline Ingram portray Dr. Seuss' "Cat in the Hat" while Valerie Slover reads from the famous children's book at Fort Riley Elementary School March 2.

At right: Linda Olson hands out cookies to students ready to celebrate Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday with a school assembly.



Post/Heronemus  
Betsy Young plays Thing One during an adaptation of Dr. Seuss' "The Cat in the Hat" March 2.

### At other schools

Ware Elementary School celebrated March 2 with evening activities that included a meal of "Green Eggs and Ham," a biscuit, orange juice and birthday cake. Later activities included Dr. Seuss crafts, games and prizes. Students made a "Cat in the Hat" and "Red Fish, Blue Fish." They played games of "Left Foot, Right Foot" cupcake walk, "My Many Colored Days" jelly bean guess and "The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins" pin the hat on Bartholomew.

Morris Hill Elementary School celebrated March 2 with crazy socks day and time during a morning assembly when the students could show off their crazy socks. Sharon Sharpe, the school district's media director, read "The Cat in the Hat." Anita Rogge dressed as the cat and mingled with students during the assembly and the rest of the day. Students played Dr. Seuss trivia and received a "Cat in the Hat" bookmark and treat after the assembly. An all-school read-together time started at 1 p.m. with students sitting shoulder to shoulder in the hallway from one end of the school to the other to "Read Across Morris Hill," symbolizing the Read Across America program. Throughout the day, name drawings resulted in 47 students getting a free book.

Jefferson Elementary School celebrated Read Across America March 1-5 with students taping the names of books they read that week onto a map in their classrooms. Five miles were allowed for each book title, and by the end of the week the students had read enough books to stretch from Charleston, S.C., to Los Angeles. Name drawings on March 5 resulted in five students in each kindergarten through fifth-grade classroom receiving a free book apiece. Other drawing prizes included small and large plush figures of "The Cat in the Hat." Every student also received a pencil with a flag motif and a flag pencil topper.

## First lady thanks spouses for sacrifices

By Mollie Miller  
and Emily Howard  
Army News Service

FORT HOOD, Texas — The surprise was hard to hide on the faces of more than 200 military spouses March 5, as America's first lady, Laura Bush, stepped to the podium at Fort Hood's annual Women's Conference.

With thunderous applause ringing throughout Fort Hood's Comanche Chapel, Bush made a speech highlighting the military spouse and thanking those women present for their sacrifices in these times of war.

"Today, we celebrate the spirit of ... the elite special forces who don't wear uniforms or fly Black Hawks or carry weapons," Bush said. "[Today we celebrate] the

sisters who support their loved ones and each other so that America remains a land of freedom."

Bush, whose surprise visit was kept a secret until nearly the hour of her arrival, said she came to Fort Hood to thank the women who help keep America free.

"I know about having your life turned upside down because the man you love wants to serve the country, and I know that many of

you make sacrifices to help your spouse fulfill his dreams," Bush said.

"I wasn't expecting her," said Amanda Roybol, who rushed to the gas station next to the Comanche Chapel to buy a disposable camera when she heard Bush would be speaking at the conference. "When she walked in, I just started shaking - I couldn't believe that she had come."

"She didn't even have to speak," one spouse of a deployed 4th Infantry Division Soldier said. "Just having her here and knowing she supported us and understood the sacrifices we are making was enough."

Bush concluded her speech by saying, "All of those who serve in our military deserve our utmost respect and so do those who serve well behind the front lines."





## Community news briefly

### Family team building classes offered

The Army Family Team Building office at the Soldier and Family Support Center has scheduled a class March 17 that may benefit Army families at Fort Riley. The class will be taught from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the center, building 7264, on Custer Hill.

For more information or to register, call 239-9435.

### Post Teen Center schedules activities

Upcoming activities planned by Teen Center staff include: March 19 -- Game room tournaments, 8 to 11 p.m.

March 20 -- Trip to Topeka Zoo, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., cost \$5, sign up by March 18

March 22 -- Moon Lake cleanup, 1 to 4 p.m.

March 23 -- Trip to Cosmosphere, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., cost \$10, sign up by March 19

March 24 -- Trip to Topeka mall, 1 to 6 p.m., cost \$5, sign up by March 19

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222. The center is located at the corner of Thomas Avenue and Longstreet Drive on Custer Hill.

### At the movies:

The doors at Barlow Theater open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children age 5 to 11. Children under age 5 are admitted free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

March 12 -- The Butterfly Effect (R)

March 13 -- Torque (PG-13)

March 14 -- The Butterfly Effect (R)

March 18 -- Calendar Girls (PG-13)

March 19 -- Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13)

March 20 -- You Got Served (PG-13)

# Chaplains fight own kind of war in Iraq

By J.H. French

82nd Airborne Division

AR RAMADI, Iraq -- For many Soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team, their faith is their strength when all else fails. Chaplains serving beside them help build and develop that strength.

"[Soldiers] come to us with all sorts of problems. We really believe God led us here for a reason. We deal with people going through some serious events in their lives," said Chap. (Maj.) Richard T. Green, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bde. chaplain.

The chaplains enjoy their work for many reasons. Most say that

they feel privileged to be able to help Soldiers as part of their ministry.

"I hate to say that I'm glad to be in Iraq, but I am glad to be here and in touch with Soldiers' lives," said Chap. (Capt.) Alfred C. Grondski, 1st Engineer Battalion chaplain.

"It is wonderful that Soldiers are comfortable enough to come to us when they need help," Green said. "We are a combat multiplier. Soldiers are able to come to us to vent. They are freer to talk with us than their [chain of command]."

"I am humbled that they come to us," said Chap. (Maj.) Mark E. Moss, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, chaplain.

"This is the best ministry and fellowship I have had in the Army."

The chaplains also do a lot of work with members of the combat stress team to help soldiers cope with losing friends and fellow Soldiers.

"We work with combat stress to help... Soldiers after deaths and are usually some of the first people on scene," Green said.

We help facilitate the process of dealing with loss, Grondski said.

After recent attacks against coalition forces, Grondski helped counsel and comfort Soldiers for two days. "I had a line of folks waiting to talk to me," he said.

The chaplains can often be seen on combat and civil affairs

missions beside some of the same Soldiers they help.

"We go out and take some of the same risks as the other Soldiers," Moss said. "We need to know what they experience to better understand the environment."

The team of chaplains also organizes events for the benefit of Soldiers.

"We are doing a coffee house on Saturdays, so Soldiers can come in and play games and enjoy fellowship," Green said. "It helps young believers develop their faith."

The chaplains also are planning a marriage workshop and a singles religious retreat, Green said.

The chaplains also help prepare Soldiers to return home. When the

1st Bde. Redeploys, the chaplains will continue to work with Soldiers and their families in order to continue the reunion and reintegration process.

"We are also planning to begin reunion briefs soon," Green said. "It helps Soldiers transition from this world to back home to help integrate with their family."

From helping young believers develop their faith to counseling them in their time of need, to helping Soldiers reintegrate with their families, the chaplain's work is an essential part of the combat environment.

"It confirms God's calling for us to be here," Moss said. "It's just for us to help."

## 'Cat'

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One and Thing Two as the fish cried out "No! No! Those Things should not be in this house! Make them go!"

They didn't go, though.

Instead, they flew kites in the house and made an even bigger mess until the fish saw Sally and her brother's mother coming home. So, Sally's brother caught Thing One and Thing Two with his net. The games were over and the cat put the Things back into the box they came in and took them away.

All that remained was the mess they had made, and Sally and her brother knew they could not clean it up before their mother returned.

At that point, the cat came back and in short time had the house back in order. The only

dilemma for the two children was whether to tell their mother all that had happened. They wondered, "Should we tell her about it? Now, what should we do? Well... What would you do if your mother asked you?"

The afternoon celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday also kicked off a book drive for the rest of the year. Children can donate books the Kansas Reading Association will send to children in Ethiopia, where reportedly there is only one book for each 100 students.

The donated books will be put into boxes provided by the student council and placed in each classroom.

Students may also contribute money to help pay for sending the books to Ethiopia.

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heroes of this fight, because you are the ones supporting and giving strength to our Soldiers," Perkins said to the family members. "I can't possibly thank you as much as I wish I could, and I only hope that this small token of gratitude is enough."

Each member of the Family

Resource Group was called up by name and presented a certificate of appreciation and a fist-sized coin with a map of Iraq and the path taken by the 937th marked on it.

"I think it's a really good thing that we're honoring the family as much as the Soldiers," Spc. Des-

tiny Creel said.

"I know my wife had to be in charge of the finances, do the yard work and pretty much take care of everything all by herself," said Master Sgt. Mark Dorminey. "The family support back here is really important because, without them, we wouldn't have anything."

MILITARY OUTLET

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US ARMY REENLISTMENT-ARMED FOR  
3 x 10.5"

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## Post news in brief

### BOSS to host golf tournament

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is hosting the Rusty Club Classic Golf Tournament April 16 at 10 a.m. at Custer Hill Golf Course. The four-person golf scramble costs \$100 per four-player team and includes lunch, cart, green fees and prizes. Mulligans will be available and the tournament will be flighted based on scores. Call the golf course at 784-6000 to register.

### Outdoor Rec schedules hunter education class

Outdoor Recreation Center will offer a hunter education course from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. March 25 and 26 and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 27 at the rec center, building 9011 on Rille Range Road.

Patrons must sign up for the course at the rec center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays or from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

The class will be limited to the first 30 people who sign up. Patrons must pay a \$10 deposit to reserve a spot in the class. The deposit will be returned when patrons show up on time the first night of class. Children 11 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older.

### Outdoor Rec sponsors turkey beard contest

The Outdoor Recreation Center staff invites all post hunters to enter a Longest Turkey Beard contest. Hunters must register their entries between March 20 and April 13 at the center. Cost is \$10 per person.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories: typical, non-typical and youth. All turkeys must have been shot on Fort Riley. Beards can be measured by employees at the recreation center, building 9011, or at the natural resources office in building 1020.

The Outdoor Recreation Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information, call 239-2363 or 239-6368.

### Eyster Pool sets lifeguard training

Spring break lifeguard training will run March 19-22. Cost is \$75 per person plus the cost of books. The Fort Riley aquatic staff will be looking for potential lifeguards to employ during the upcoming summer swimming season.

A pre-test is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. March 19. Classes will be taught from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 20-22, with a final test scheduled March 22.

For more information or to sign up for classes, call 239-9441.

### Battalion-level sports season approaches

The post's battalion-level soccer league starts March 22 and runs through May 10.

For more information, call 239-3945.

### Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

## Down to wire



A Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division, player dribbles downcourt while being chased by most of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, team in the post company-level championship game March 9.

## Division headquarters wins post title

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) held on in the final seconds of a thriller March 9 to win the Fort Riley company-level basketball championship 46-44 against HHC, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry.

The champs led the infantry team 25-18 after the first period and increased their lead to 33-23 before three minutes had lapsed in the second period.

The infantry drew first blood shortly after the game's opening tip-off with a field goal and foul shot that gave them a 3-0 lead. They also drew first blood in the second period but lost a little momentum before calling a timeout right after the champs went ahead by 10 points.

The infantry cut the champs' lead by only a point, 44-35, by the time the clock showed two minutes left in the game. With time running out, the infantry went to war, pressing all over the court, stealing the ball and sprinting around or weaving through defenders on a 7-2 run that put them four

### HHC, 24th Inf. Div.

**Players:** Jamal "Lucky" Allen, Troy Moshi-er, Bobby Allison, Warren Williams, Ric Tomlin, Quinton Leach, Chaz-er Sherman, Ricky Wilson, Coleman Bender, Harry Deboise, Fredrick Walker and Charles Williams

**Coach:** Richard Houk

### 1st Bn., 41st Inf.

**Players:** Ronald Williams, Nick Summeis, Daric Morrisette, Vincent Mitchell, Sabriel Ashley, Clint Cole, Andrew Fry, Darrell Taylor, Xavier Hunt, Franklin Beckles, Joseph Lewis and Kevin Grant.

**Coach:** Sabriel Ashley

points behind the champs, 46-44, with 30 seconds left in the game.

Two good foul shots moved the infantry within two points, 46-44, of the champs.

The infantry resorted to immediate fouls as the champs tried to inbound the ball, hoping to keep the ball in the infantry half of the court.

When the champs finally sent a player to the foul line, perhaps to put an extra point difference on the scoreboard, the shot

failed to go in.

Nine seconds remained in the game when the infantry called a last timeout to plan some way to win, or at least tie, the game.

The champs' defense smothered good shot opportunities for the infantry, but three shots went toward the basket anyway during the last nine seconds.

None went through and HHC, 24th Inf. Div., took home the championship trophy.

### Tournament play

**Game 1:** USA MEDDAC 63  
Det. D, 15th PSB 18

**Game 2:** HHC, 2-34 Armor wins  
#382nd LSB forfeits

**Game 3:** Touch of Grey 45  
Co. B, 1-41 Inf. 35

**Game 4:** 6025th GSU 59  
4th Finance 28

**Game 5:** HHC, 1-16 Inf. 45  
10th ASOS 43

**Game 6:** 101st (Rear Det.) 55  
Co. D, 1-41 Inf. 36

**Game 7:** HHC, 24th ID 55

**Game 8:** USA MEDDAC 50  
HHC, 2-34 Armor 50

**Game 9:** Touch of Grey 47  
6025th GSU 52

**Game 10:** HHC 1-16 Inf. 32  
HHC, 1-41 Inf. 59

**Game 11:** 101st (Rear Det.) 41  
HHC, 1-41 Inf. 39

**Game 12:** 6025th GSU 32  
HHC, 24th ID 58

**Game 13:** HHC, 2-34 Armor 46  
HHC, 24th ID 46

**Game 14:** HHC, 1-41 Inf. 44



Daric Morrisette goes for a layup for HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., in the post championship game against HHC, 24th Inf. Div., March 9.

## Post gears up for spring turkey hunters

By Alan Hynek

Fish and Wildlife Biologist  
DES, Conservation Division



Alan Hynek

Soon the woodlands of Fort Riley will be teeming with sounds of gobbling tom turkeys as camouflaged hunters take to the field in hopes of a successful hunt. The 2004 Fort Riley spring turkey season will consist of a youth and handicapped hunt April 9-11 and the regular season April 14 through May 31 May.

As always Fort Riley's military

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mission takes precedence over all announced hunting seasons. All or parts of the post's hunting areas may be closed to hunting during part or all of the turkey season because of military training.

Several changes have been implemented for the upcoming season. The changes will allow more hunters in the field while maintaining a safe level of participation. To hunt turkeys on Fort Riley, hunters will first need

to buy three permits: a Kansas hunting permit, a Unit 2 spring turkey permit and a Fort Riley hunting and fishing permit. The first two are available at local vendors and at Kansas state park offices. The latter is available at the Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center, building 9011.

All hunters also must complete an NRA-approved or equivalent hunter education course to hunt on Department of Defense property and must

carry proof of completing that course while hunting.

The last piece of the puzzle is to acquire a free Fort Riley spring turkey sticker that will be affixed to the back of your Fort Riley hunting and fishing permit. The sticker shows the hunter's assigned area for the duration of the Fort Riley spring turkey season.

Fort Riley has an unlimited number of stickers available to turkey hunters hunting on the post. However, the number of hunters allowed in each of

## 'Cats corral visiting herd

### Longhorns fall to K-State to fans' delight

By Sam Robinson  
Staff Writer

Unranked Kansas State University upset the No. 1 Texas Longhorns 58-48 March 6, with a defensive effort and a poor shooting percentage that set a low scoring record for Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan.

"A lot of things going into half-time were going in our favor," said Wildcats' Head Coach Jim Woodridge. "The tempo was right, we were rebounding the basketball and we were holding them defensively. Obviously we had a lot of offensive problems ourselves, but we thought we could play better offensively."

The Cats out-rebounded Texas in both halves and K-State forward Jeremiah Massey topped the chart with 10 rebounds in 33 minutes of play.

Massey broke away from the

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## School retires Ohlde's jersey

By Sam Robinson  
Staff Writer

For the first time, Kansas State University retired the jersey of one of its women basketball players during a March 3 ceremony after the Wildcats beat Texas Tech 85-73. The school's all-time lead scorer Nicole Ohlde saw her No. 3 white jersey take its place of honor in Bramlage Coliseum.

The win helped K-State secure a share of the Big 12 regular season title.

Ohlde led the team with 21 points for the night and surpassed Iowa State's Angie Welle (1999-02) to rank second in all-time career scoring - 2,161 points — for the Big 12 Conference.

The Clay Center senior also grabbed seven rebounds, made two blocks and assisted a career-high eight times. She shot 58.3 percent from the floor and more than 87 percent from the line.

All her stats combined again

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# Wildcats' Massey honored

## Junior forward Big 12 Newcomer of Year

By Sam Robinson  
Staff Writer

Kansas State University's junior forward, Jeremiah Massey, was named Big 12 Newcomer of the Year this week.

He is one of just six players in the Big 12 to rank among the top 11 in the league in scoring and rebounding, but the only first-year player to be included among the elite group.

In fact, Massey leads all first-

year players in rebounding and double-doubles and is second in scoring to Iowa State's Curtis Stinson.

Massey ranks among the Big 12 leaders in several categories, including second in double-doubles (eight), third in 20-point games, sixth in rebounding, 11th in scoring, 13th in field goal percentage (49.5) and 15th in free throw percentage (74.4).

Massey leads his team in nine categories, including scoring

(15.1 ppg.), rebounding (8.0 rpg.), 20-point scoring games (10), double-doubles (eight), steals (1.0 spg.) and blocks (0.6 bpg.).

Massey joined the Wildcats this season after two successful years at Oxnard Community College in Oxnard, Calif.

He has now scored in double figures in 18 games with 20 or more points in seven of the last 12 contests. The Detroit native was named the Big 12 Rookie of the Week two times this season.

Coach Deb Patterson gets her team, Amy Dutmer, Nicole Ohlde, Kendra Wecker, Megan Mahoney and Laurie Koehn, fired up before their last home game of the season.

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### Big 12 on TV

**What:** Women's Big 12 championship game  
**When:** 6 p.m., March 13  
**Channel:** Fox Sports Net

Women's Basketball Team voted on by the conference's head coaches.

Wecker was named to the elite team as well.

More than 10,000 fans attended the game to cheer on the Cats and to enjoy the confetti-drenched celebration of winning a share of the Big 12 title.

Two other senior Wildcats, Kimmery Newsom and Amy Dutmer, were recognized. Dutmer sank five baskets from three-point range against the Raiders.

Despite the win, K-State was given the No. 2 seed in the Big 12 tournament. Texas was No. 1.



Post/Robinson

Jubilant Kansas State University students rush onto the court at Bramlage Coliseum following the Wildcats' victory against the No. 10 Texas Longhorns.

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Texas defense in the second half to finish the game with 14 points, making him the top scorer for either team.

Massey and teammates Tim Ellis and Jarrett Hart were named to a Big 12 Specialty Team in recognition of their accomplishments.

Ellis and Hart were named to the all-improved and all-underestimated teams while Massey was selected to the league's all-newcomer squad.

The Longhorns found themselves shooting from three-point range most of the game. K-State's 3-2 zone held Texas to just six two-pointers all day.

"It's really hard to ask our guards to penetrate when Kansas State was as flat as they were in their zone," said Texas Head Coach Rick Barnes. "When we did finally penetrate, we wouldn't look for the open man. We just didn't capitalize."

The teams tossed the lead back and forth until the last minute of the second half. Texas committed four fouls in the final 46 seconds and the Cats jumped through that

### Big 12 on TV

**What:** Tournament championship game  
**When:** 2 p.m. March 14  
**Channel:** ESPN

window to score eight points on free throws and send the crowd screaming onto the court in victory.

"I never had that experience before. It was pretty exciting," Massey said about the crowd storming the court.

"It was a great win; an absolute great win," Wooldridge said. "We've had a group of students that have followed us and supported us and cheered for us and believed in us."

"They have been waiting this season for a chance to celebrate. They got it," Wooldridge said.

The victory moved K-State to the No. 9 seed in the Big 12 tournament. The Longhorn's No. 2 slot was set before they played the Wildcats.

PRAIRIE HAWK CYCLE & LEATHER,  
1 x 1.5"



Club Orleans  
3 x 10.5"

Patricias Undercover  
1 x 6"

SCREEN MACHINE  
2 x 2"

PIONEER MILITARY LENDING  
4 x 5"

KANSAS PRESS  
2 x 2"

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2 x 2"







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the five turkey hunting units will be limited depending on the number of open hunting areas in that unit on any particular day.

Each person will be assigned a primary or a secondary sticker that is valid in only one Fort Riley spring turkey unit. Hunters holding primary stickers will be allowed to hunt in their authorized unit any day there is one or more areas open for shotgun hunting in that turkey unit. Primary and secondary sticker holders will be allowed to hunt when the Fort Riley Conservation Division staff determines an adequate portion of their assigned turkey unit is open for shotgun hunting.

The open areas hotline and the hunter check stations will state primary or secondary status for each turkey-hunting unit each day throughout the spring turkey season.

The number of primary stickers that will be issued for each unit are: 40 for Unit I, 60 for Unit II, 40 for Unit III, 30 for Unit IV and 60 for Unit V. An unlimited number of secondary stickers will be available.

Stickers will be allocated on a first come, first served basis beginning at 7:30 a.m. March 19. For example, the first 60 persons requesting Fort Riley spring turkey Unit V will be given a primary sticker for that unit. Any others requesting that unit will receive a secondary sticker.

If all the primary stickers have been awarded, any military or civilian in a deployment status as

### Need more information?

**For more information about the spring 2004 Fort Riley turkey season, call the Directorate of Environment and Safety Conservation Office at 239-6211 or visit the Web site at [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil). Click on "Recreation," then on "Outdoor Recreation," then on "Hunting."**

of March 19 will receive a primary Fort Riley spring turkey sticker in the unit of their choice.

Any youth or handicapped person eligible in accordance with Kansas regulation may hunt the special youth and handicapped season on Fort Riley.

Youth and handicapped hunters must receive their safety briefing and spring turkey sticker before hunting but will not be restricted to the regular season spring turkey units. Applicants for the youth hunt must meet Kansas age requirements for hunting during the youth turkey season.

The legal bag limit is one bearded turkey per Kansas permit and one bearded turkey per second Kansas permit, called a game tag. Individuals possessing a Kansas turkey permit and Kansas turkey game tag may harvest both

birds in one day.

Hunters must check in and out at one of the nine Fort Riley hunter check stations each day they hunt. Hunters may only turkey hunt in their assigned unit for the entire season and according to their primary or secondary status for each day. Units and primary and secondary status of each hunter is listed at the hunter check stations.

All turkey hunters must wear hunter orange to and from their stationary position. All hunters harvesting a turkey on Fort Riley are required to complete the survey form on the hunter cards and deposit them at the hunter check station.

Information requested on the cards includes location of kill, length of turkey's beard and length of turkey's spurs.

The impact area and the Multipurpose Range Complex are off-limits to hunting at all times. Areas not listed as open for shotgun hunting at the hunter check stations are not open for turkey hunting.

Fort Riley Regulation 190-1 requires all firearms brought on the post be registered with the Provost Marshal's Office in building 221.

Firearms must be registered by the owners regardless of military affiliation before bringing the firearms on post.

Firearms also may be registered at the Outdoor Recreation Center and the Conservation Office in building 1020.

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FAITH FURNITURE  
3 x 12"



# Travel & Fun in Kansas

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## Leisuretime

### At K-State:

**Irish folk music** - Lunasa will perform at 3 p.m. March 14, in McCain Auditorium. Admission will be charged. For more information, call (785) 532-6415.

**K-State Symphony Band** - Performance at 7:30 p.m. March 15, in All Faiths Chapel Auditorium. Conductors include David Montgomery, Jeff Hogan and Jessica Mullen. For more information, call (785) 532-6415.

**K-State Jazz Combos** - Wayne Goins directs performance at 7:30 p.m. March 15, at Union Station in the K-State Student Union. For more information, call (785) 532-6415.

**K-State Orchestra** - David Littrell directs performance at 7:30 p.m. March 16, in McCain Auditorium. For more information, call (785) 532-6415.

**K-State Concert Band** - Jim Lewis and Bryce Mullen direct performance at 7:30 p.m. March 18, in All Faiths Chapel Auditorium. For more information, call (785) 532-6415.

### In Cuba, Kan.:

**Rock-a-thon** — Celebration of Czech heritage with entertainment, guest speakers, contests, crafts, quilt show, drawings, auction, and 311 hours of continuous rocking from 1 to 7 p.m. March 14-20, in the Cuba Community Hall. For more information, call (785) 729-3631.

### In Abilene, Kan.:

**Ida Stover Eisenhower Memorial Quilt Show** — Approximately 70 quilts on display from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 to 5 p.m. March 15-28. For more information, call (785) 263-2681.



The Geary County Historical Museum sits at the corner of Adam and Sixth Streets in Junction City. The Starcke House, one of its historical properties, sits just south of the museum (to the left in photo) and can be seen by appointment.

Post/Heronemus

## Museum brings past into present

By Robyn Haynes

K-State Intern

The Geary County Historical Society and Museum in Junction City offers the community a piece of history that cannot be found anywhere else.

Founded in 1972, the historical society was created in an effort to save one of Junction City's oldest buildings, the old high school.

After the old high school was vacated by the school district in the 1970s, Junction City philanthropist Fred Bramlage bought it. He donated the building to the historical society in 1982 to be used as a permanent home for the museum.

In May 1983, the Geary County Historical Society Museum opened its doors to the public. In the years since, more than \$5 million have been raised within the

community to restore the building and develop the museum and its programs.

Through the years, the historical society has supported and sponsored the museum and other historic sites in the area.

The historical society and museum offer several attractions documenting the heritage of Geary County:

### Jeffries Research Center:

The research center serves as a depository for family and community histories and contains records for genealogical and historical research. Local newspapers dating from the 1860s and an extensive collection of vintage photographs are on file. A microfilm reader and printer give access to county records and newspapers. A volunteer staff provides research

### If you go

**Where:** Sixth and Adams Streets in Junction City. Use Interstate 70 exit 299 (Grandview Plaza). Turn into Grandview Plaza at the end of the off ramp and then turn left into Junction City. You will be on Sixth Street and will see the museum on the left-hand side of the street after entering the city.

**Museum Hours:** 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays  
**Research Room:** 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays  
For more information, call The Geary County Historical Society at (785) 238-1666.

assistance.

### Gift shop:

An attractive gift shop features locally handcrafted merchandise and is open on the main level during museum hours.

### Docents:

Docents, who are authentically costumed as turn of the century schoolteachers, conduct prearranged tours for groups of any size.

### Speakers' bureau:

The speakers' bureau offers a number of presenters who offer

programs on a variety of historical topics to schools and other community groups.

### Traveling Trunks:

Costumed docents accompany traveling trunks filled with artifacts used to present illustrated programs about historical periods to school classes and adult groups.

### Living History:

Living history craft demonstrations, art exhibitions, re-enactments, lectures and special programs are periodically presented at the museum.

### Auditorium:

An auditorium is available for group functions, programs and banquets. Seating capacity is about 125.

